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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### AFRICA.

#### *Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague and plague-infected rats.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, March 21, 1904.*

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended March 19, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,  
*Under Colonial Secretary.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—One case of plague was recorded during the week, namely: A colored female, a suspect removed on the 3d instant from Rudolph street for observation and treatment, and diagnosed as plague on the 15th instant. At the plague hospital 1 native male died during the week. Six cases remain under treatment. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

*East London.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town.

*Other places.*—At Uitenhage, Queenstown, King William's Town, and Knysna no case of plague was discovered in man or animal during the week.

*Cape Town and harbor board area.*—Three hundred and seventy-five rats were examined during the week. None were found affected with plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,  
*Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.*

### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Report from Brisbane—Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following, received under date of March 5, from Alfred D. Larkin, department of external affairs:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, February 27, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 3 for week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, February 27, 1904:

No case has occurred since February 18, and the last plague-infected rat was found on the 17th idem.

The 5 patients at the plague hospital are progressing favorably toward recovery.

*Rats.*—Report for week ending February 26: Number of rats examined at the bacteriological institute, 479; number infected, none; total number destroyed, 750.

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*